

Chair Deans speaking notes

Special Public Meeting

February 11, 2022

- I would like to call the special meeting of the Ottawa Police Services Board to order for February 11, 2022.

<Land acknowledgement>

- I'd like to recognize that Ottawa is located on un-ceded territory of the Algonquin Anishinabe Host Nation.
- The peoples of the Algonquin Anishinabe Nation have lived on this territory for millennia. Their culture and presence have nurtured and continue to nurture this land.
- The Ottawa Police Services Board honours the peoples and land of the Algonquin Anishinabe Nation.
- Today, Ottawa is home to approximately 40,000 First Nations, Inuit and Metis people.
- Ottawa's Indigenous community is diverse, representing many nations, languages, and customs.
- The Ottawa Police Services Board honours all First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples and their valuable past and present contributions to this land.

<Caution re: technical difficulties>

- We are currently broadcasting on Zoom and live streaming on YouTube.
- Given this meeting is being held electronically, I want to caution that there is a possibility of technical difficulties.
- Should we receive any disruptions, I would ask that everyone remain patient as we work to fix the issue and resume the meeting as soon as possible.

<Timing of briefing>

- We have set aside an hour for this meeting, with a media availability to follow directly after on this Zoom link.
- I would ask all panelists to do their best to be concise in either their questions or comments.

- If a question is raised which cannot be addressed publicly, the Board will have the ability to reconvene in-camera following the completion of the media availability.
- I will now proceed with the confirmation of the agenda.

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

That the Ottawa Police Services Board confirm the agenda of the 11 February 2022 meeting.

- Is the agenda confirmed?

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Are there any declarations of interest?

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. CHIEF AND COMMAND UPDATE ON ONGOING DEMONSTRATIONS

Chief's verbal

Diane's Speaking Notes:

- Let me start by saying that I am happy that it appears the Provincial and Federal Governments have finally woken up and recognized that we are in a National Crisis.
- The occupation of Ottawa has sparked a movement – supply chains have been impeded, our economy is being held hostage, residents terrorized, health care workers threatened, schools targeted, and the list goes on.
- It all has to stop.
- This National occupation must end. The occupation of our city has to stop. To do that we have heard loud and clear from the Chief of Police that additional resources are urgently and desperately needed.
- When we say resources, we mean the person power needed to put into action strict enforcement – public order officers and the like.

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- Earlier this week, the Mayor and I requested 1800 additional officers and civilian staff from the RCMP, OPP, and local police services.
 - It is up to the Premier and the Prime Minister to deliver those resources as expeditiously as possible.
 - It is important for the Board, in our role as an oversight body, to understand if the OPS has the resources they need to protect our city. We asked that last Saturday and it remains the most urgent and pressing question for this oversight body today.
 - But we must also recognize that this information is operationally sensitive. I would ask the Chief today to request that we go in-camera to discuss any items he deems operationally sensitive, including questions around resources received to date.
 - What I want to focus on today is our residents. The people of our city who's lives have been upended by this illegal occupation. The people who we seek to serve and protect.
 - We have heard of so many insidious incidents, from arson to assault. We have been promised action but as we have heard from the Chief, we lack the resources to follow through.
 - I know police are working tirelessly with the resources they have and there has been some progress there have been over 1,700 tickets issued, there have been at least 25 arrests. Police have been working to seize fuel, they have made progress on clamping down on the encampment on Coventry Road and in Confederation park.
 - But it is not enough.
 - Here is what we need to hear from you Chief Sloly today.

1. How many extra police officers have we received from the Federal and Provincial Governments since the Mayor and I made our request on Monday? Can you provide details?

2. What should we expect this weekend?

3. Is there a plan to step up enforcement?

- With the resources we have with our current resources, how will OPS:
 - Protect our neighbourhoods from further siege?
 - Protect our schools and children from being threatened?

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- Protect our citizens from being further terrorized ?
 - Chief I am hoping you can instill confidence in our city today that we will be able to protect our residents, amidst this National Crisis.
 - Chief, I will turn things over to you and your staff to provide an update on the ongoing demonstrations.
 - After your update, we will go straight to questions from Board members.

That the Ottawa Police Services Board receive this item for information.

- Is the item received?

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- This concludes our special meeting.
 - Our next regularly scheduled meeting will take place on February 28 at 4:00pm.
 - We will now be taking a 15 minute recess before transitioning to our media availability. We will return at XX.

<if something comes up in the public meeting that requires an in-camera briefing today, please note the in-camera meeting will be held after the media availability.>

- Can I please have a motion for adjournment?

<OPS taking over media availability after 15 minute recess; Hannah will look after promoting media spokespersons and reporters as needed>